

Amendments to the Specification:

In the specification, please replace paragraph 45 and the paragraph following paragraph 45 as previously provided in Applicants' response of July 20, 2006, in their entirety with the following amended paragraphs:

[0045] The chain extenders listed in United States Patent Number 6,984,694, issued January 10, 2006, may be used as oligomers in the production of the oligomer-modified anionically polymerized polymers described herein. The entire disclosure of the United States Patent Number 6,984,694, is incorporated herein by reference.

U.S. Patent No. 6,984,694, incorporated above by reference, discloses: "The molecular weight ranges above include various embodiments wherein Mn ranges from 1000 to about 5000, including from 1500 to 4000, and further including from 2000 to 3000. The molecular weight ranges above also include various embodiments wherein Mw ranges from 1500 to about 18000, including from 3000 to 13000, and further including from 4000 to 8500." Also, "In various exemplary embodiments, the chain extenders have an EEW of from about 180 to about 300, an Efn value from about 4 to about 12 and a PDI of from about 1.5 to about 2.8. In other exemplary embodiments, the chain extenders have an EEW of from about 300 to about 500, an Efn value of from about 4 to about 12 and a PDI of from about 2.8 to about 3.2. In still other exemplary embodiments, the chain extenders have an EEW of from about 500 to about 700, an Efn value of from about 4 to about 12 and a PDI of from about 3.2 to about 4.5."